

**Notice of Allowability**

Application No.

10/762,923

Examiner

/Carlos Lopez/

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/13/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 15-16.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☒ Other Replacement Sheet: Drawings 12/12

The amendment to the specification filed 11/13/07 has been entered.  
Additionally, the replacement sheet to the drawings as reflected in the below Examiner's amendment has been entered.

### EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kenneth Erickson on 12/11/07.

The application has been amended as follows:

*Title*

~~"Cigar o roma"~~ Tobacco Smoking Pipe and ~~quit smoking aid~~

*Claims*

*Please amend the claims as follows:*

Claims 1-14 cancelled

15 **(NEW)**. A cigar shaped smoking pipe having a draw piece and a bowl piece being adapted to fit together, a round band attached to the draw piece, a smoking cavity bored into said bowl piece, a storage chamber surrounded by said band and formed between said pieces when fit together, and a bore drilled through said draw piece and said bowl piece communicating with said smoking cavity and with said storage chamber and adapted to communicate to the smoker wherein the invention comprises:

- a) both ends of said bowl piece having congruent tapers, both ends being adapted so either end may insert into said band;
- b) said band is a tube of an inside diameter sized to receive either end of

said bowl piece whereby a snug connection is quickly achieved;

c) said band and said bowl piece being assembled together by simple pressure and held together by friction and being able to separate easily by wiggling.

16 (New). The pipe of claim 15 wherein the invention comprises:

a) both ends of said bowl piece having screw threads, both ends being adapted so either end may insert into said band;

b) said band is a tube of an inside diameter threaded to receive either end of said bowl piece whereby a snug connection is quickly achieved;

c) said band and said bowl piece being assembled together by screwing and being able to separate easily by unscrewing.

The following changes to the drawings have been approved by the examiner and agreed upon by applicant: In page 12/12 of the drawings Fig 1G and 1H were amended to read Fig 3G and Fig 3H respectively.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos Lopez whose telephone number is 571.272.1193. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8am - 5pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Griffin can be reached on 571.272.1189. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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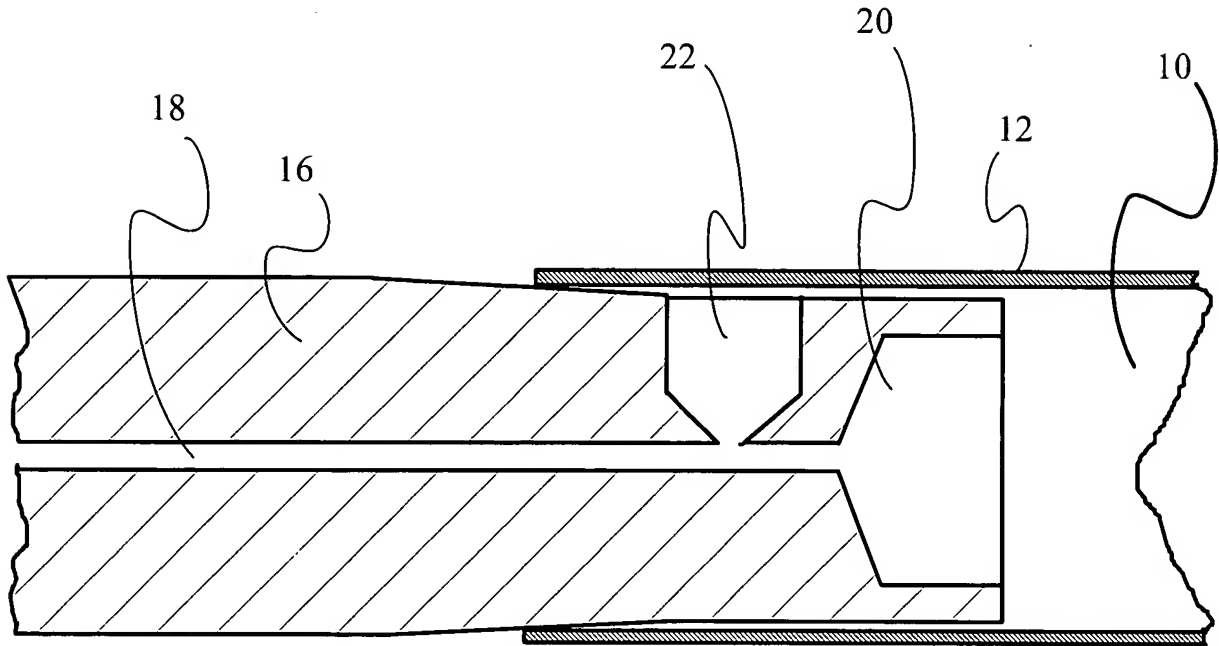


FIG 3G

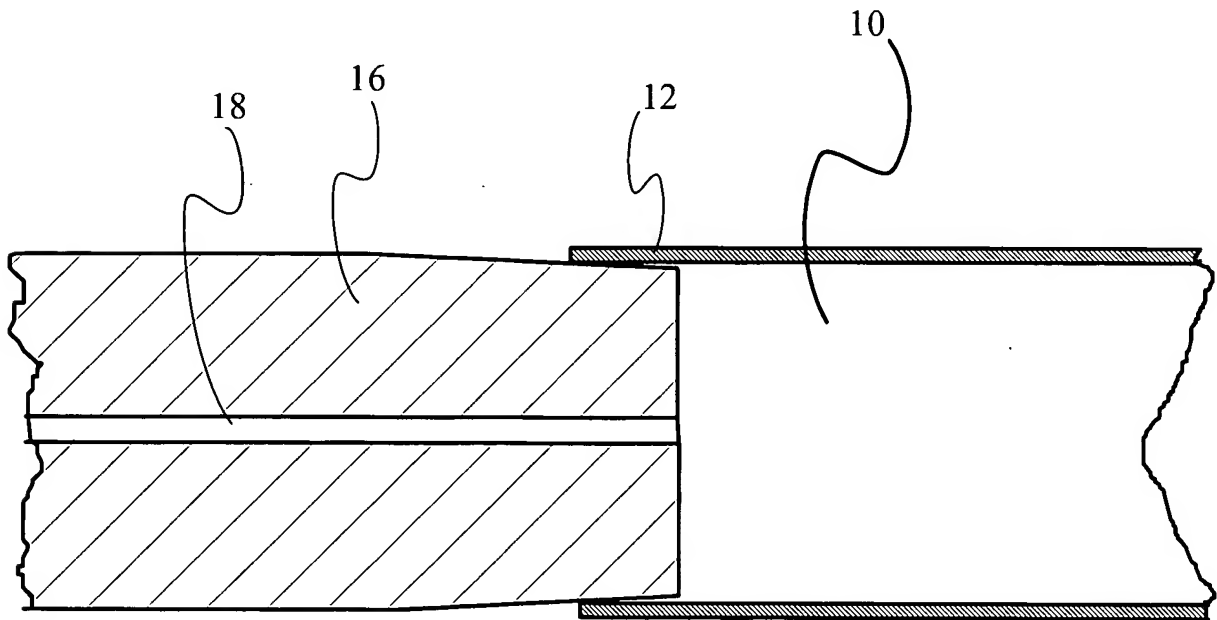


FIG 3H